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may as well be corrected here, so as to have it accurate. The types made me say "just in leaf," instead of "not in leaf," and also that the measurement was made at "eight feet from ground" instead of "one foot." I stated that it being not in leaf (I visited it early in March) I had no means of ascertaining the species, but judged from the appearance of the trunk it was *æstivalis*. I obtained leaves during the past summer from a friend, and verified the fact of its being that species.

But my object in this communication is to place on record the measurement of another and larger vine, probably the largest wild grape-vine known.

During the past summer, by appointment of our State Commissioner of Agriculture, I had charge of the collections in the botanical department of our State exhibits for the New Orleans Exposition, including specimens of our native woods, grasses, etc. Having heard of a famous grape-vine in the lower part of the State, near the old Sheldon Church in Beaufort Co., I endeavored to procure a section of the trunk for the Exposition. The owner of the grounds, Mr. H. M. Fuller, was unwilling to cut it down, but gave the measurement as follows (I quote from his letter): "At ground 59.5 inches circumference; at two and a half feet from ground, where it divides into two branches, 57.5 inches in circumference."

If Mr. Fuller is correct in his measurement (and I have no reason to believe otherwise) this gives a diameter of nearly 20 inches, and the vine is probably the largest on record.

I have requested a leaf to be sent to me, to ascertain the species, but have not received it, and I fear it is now too late in the season.

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***Bouteloua gracilis*.**—Two American botanists whose writings are frequently quoted have employed this name, *Bouteloua gracilis*, in their published works and in both instances there has been a double error committed. In order that these errors may not be repeated in future works, I desire to call attention to them and point out the correction. I may say that in both cases the grasses described under this name are referred to it with a query. "*Bouteloua gracilis*, Hook.?", Vasey, in the Botany of Wheeler's Report, page 287, is *Bouteloua aristidoides*, Thurb. (*Dinebra aristidoides*, HB K., *Eutriana aristidoides*, Kth.) A South American species was published by J. D. Hooker (Acta Lin. Soc., xx., 173,) under the name of *Eutriana gracilis*, but no such species appeared by that author under *Bouteloua*.

"*Bouteloua gracilis*, HBK.?", Chapman, in Southern Flora, Suppl. p. 663, is *Bouteloua hirsuta*, Lag. The species intended by Dr. Chapman was, I doubt not, *Chondrosium gracile* of Humboldt, Bonpland and Kunth, to which the Florida specimens have some resemblance. These authors published no species under *Bouteloua*.

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Droseraceæ and Orchidaceæ of Spruce Pond, N. Y.—Returning home on the 7th of July, 1884, from a botanical trip to New York, Staten and Long Islands, I heard on my arrival at Middletown, N. Y.,

that *Drosera rotundifolia*, L., grew in abundance at Spruce Pond, near Southfields, a station on the Erie R. R. 25 miles east of that city. Although the time I had allotted myself for a vacation was spent, the opportunity was not to be missed, and leaving the cars I took the next returning train for Southfields. Arriving there in company with the son of my informant, the self-educated and genial botanist Isaac P. Madden, we learned that the pond lay up on the mountain about two miles south-east of the station. After a pleasant walk down the valley of the Ramapo, and a "directly heavenward" climb of nearly three-quarters of a mile, we reached the pond, a beautiful sheet of water about ten acres in extent, situated, I judge, 900 feet above the valley at this point. The entire margin of the pond is a dense growth of *Sphagnum* of the quakiest kind, a step upon the surface of which can be detected in the responsive waving of tree-tops over a hundred feet distant; this sphagnum carpet was at all points interspersed with the largest and most beautiful *Sarracenia* pitchers I ever had the pleasure of examining, while the surface of the pond itself was nearly covered with a luxuriant growth of *Nymphaea odorata*. In order to catch the returning train, I had but a short hour to spend at this arcane spot, nevertheless in the time I remained I found that *Drosera rotundifolia*, L., and *D. longifolia*, L., were really very abundant, though their flowering season in this locality was so nearly spent that only a flower or two were to be seen. Of Orchidaceæ I saw *Habenaria psycodes*, Gray, *H. hyperborea*, R. Br., *H. dilatata*, Gray, *H. blephariglottis*, Hook., and *H. lacera*, R. Br., *Calopogon pulchellus*, R. Br., *Microstylis monophyllos*, Lindl., and, in the woods near by, *Aplectrum hyemale*, Nutt. This latter plant I have found numerous specimens of at Ross Park near this city. I am informed that *Cypripedium arietinum*, R. Br., *C. candidum*, and *C. spectabile*, Swartz, have been gathered at, or near, this pond.

I know of no peat-bog near New York City that would better return an excursion of the Torrey Club in May or June, and shall visit it again (D. v.) about the middle of June next season. I hope to find it a station for many of New York's boreal species.

On the route from Middletown home, I noted from the car windows that *Baptisia tinctoria*, R. Br., though plentiful all along the road from New York, ceased entirely at about one mile east of Hancock on the Delaware; I have not seen it in Broome Co., the flora of which I hope to complete in about three years.

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Salisburia adiantifolia. Smith.—Although it has been known for several years that the ginkgo fruits abundantly each year in Central Park, yet, as a recent copy of Henderson's "Handbook of Plants" states that "there has been no fruit borne in this country," and as Josiah Hoopes in "The Book of Evergreens" does not note the fruiting of any of the trees he knows, I venture to say to all who are interested in seeing the fruit and desire to obtain specimens that they will be supplied upon application to me at the Normal College, N. Y. City.

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